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SUBJECT: FRELIMO DELEGATION IN EASTERN EUROPE

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 3953 AND PREVIOUS

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1. FOR BACKGROUND OF DEPARTMENT AND EASTERN EUROPEAN ADDRES-

SEES FOLLOWING IS SPECULATIVE ANALYSIS ON VISIT OF FRELIMO PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL AND 20-MAN DELEGATION TO EAST GERMANY, RUMANIA, AND BULGARIA.

2. REPORTEDLY SOVIET PRESIDENT PODGORNYY IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT DAR-ES-SALAAM LATE IN 1974. ON THE FACE OF IT, THEREFORE, IT WOULD SEEM UNTIMELY FOR PRESIDENT MACHEL AND LARGE FRELIMO DELEGATION TO VISIT OTHER SOVIET BLOC COUNTRIES JUST PRIOR TO PODGORNYY VISIT DURING WHICH WE PRESUME HE WILL HAVE TALKS WITH MACHEL. THERE ARE, HOWEVER, SEVERAL EXPLANATIONS WHICH MAKE SENSE TO US: (A) AFRICAN LEADERS CLOSE TO MACHEL, SUCH AS KAUNDA AND NYERERE, HAVE REPORTEDLY BEEN ADVISING HIM NOT TO BECOME OVERLY DEPENDENT ON SOVIET UNION. (B) RECENT CALLS OF WESTERN REPRESENTATIVES, SUCH AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY EASUM AND OTHERS, ON PRIME MINISTER CHISSANO OF MOZAMBIQUE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT AND PRESIDENT MACHEL IN DAR-ES-SALAAM, WHILE IMPORTANT FOR PRESTIGE AND INTERNATIONAL STANDING OF FRELIMO-LED TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT, NEED TO BE COUNTER-BALANCED BY A VISIT TO EASTERN EUROPE. (C) CHOICE OF EASTERN EUROPEAN CAPITALS, WHILE PERHAPS PARTLY DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES SUCH AS SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES, ETC., IS PROBABLY NOT FORTUITOUS. EAST GERMANY HAS THE ADVANTAGE, FROM FRELIMO'S POINT OF VIEW, OF BEING THE ECONOMICALLY AND TECHNOLOGICALLY MOST ADVANCED COUNTRY IN THE SOVIET BLOC OUTSIDE THE USSR; IT IS THEREFORE IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE SIGNIFICANT AID TO MOZAMBIQUE. ROMANIA HAS THE ADVANTAGE OF BEING AN EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRY WITH A FOOT IN BOTH CAMPS IN THE SINO-SOVIET SPHERE. IT ALSO HAS BOTH OIL AND TECHNOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE IN THE PETROLEUM FIELD WHICH COULD BE OF USE TO MOZAMBIQUE. BULGARIA WAS PROBABLY THROWN IN PRIMARILY AS A LOYAL SOVIET SATELLITE, THUS SOMEWHAT COUNTERBALANCING THE VISIT TO ROMANIA.

3. LOCAL PRESS REFERS TO MACHEL VISIT AS FIRST "STATE VISIT" ON THE PART OF FRELIMO LEADERS. PRESS HAS POINTED OUT TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT IS ALREADY CONDUCTING OWN AFFAIRS, ALMOST LIKE AN INDEPENDENT GOVERNMENT.

4. WE ARE ALSO INTERESTED IN ABSENCE FROM DELEGATION OF FRELIMO VICE PRESIDENT MARCELINO DOS SANTOS, WHO IS WIDELY CONFIDENTIAL

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CONSIDERED THE MOST PRO-SOVIET FRELIMO LEADER. DOS SANTOS' LAST TRIP ABROAD SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN TO ROME WHERE HE REPORTEDLY EXPLORED THE POSSIBILITY OF ITALIAN AID. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT MACHEL IS RESERVING UNTO HIMSELF THE MAJOR AND MOST PRESTIGIOUS FOREIGN POLICY CONTACTS. (EMBASSY DAR MAY WISH TO COMMENT.)  
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